

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (new): A locking device for vehicles having drive means rotatably mounted in a housing, said drive means comprises a drive element, an input drive shaft, and an output drive shaft connected to the input drive shaft, first magnet means associated with said drive means and second external magnet means, wherein the first and second magnet means holds the drive means in a safe rest position.

Claim 15 (new): A locking device according to claim 13, wherein the first and second magnet means are permanent magnets.

Claim 16 (new): A locking device according to claim 13, wherein the first magnet means is associated with the input drive shaft.

Claim 17 (new): A locking device according to claim 13, wherein the first magnet means is associated with the output drive shaft.

Claim 18 (new): A locking device according to claim 14, wherein the second magnet means is associated with the housing.

Claim 19 (new): A locking device according to claim 18, wherein the second magnet means is mounted on an internal wall of the housing.

Claim 20 (new): A locking device according to claim 19, wherein the first magnet means defines with the second magnet means a gap therebetween.

Claim 21 (new): A locking device according to claim 14, wherein the housing is subdivided by a partition into a first part and a second part, wherein the drive element is in the first part and the first and second magnet means.

Claim 22 (new): A locking device according to claim 14, wherein a position determination sensor element is associated with at least one of input drive shaft and the output drive shaft.

Claim 23 (new): A locking device according to claim 14, wherein an epicyclic transmission is connected between the input drive shaft and the output drive shaft.

Claim 24 (new): A locking device according to claim 14, wherein, in the event of a power failure, the first magnet means acts on the second magnet means to rotate one of the input drive shaft and the output drive shaft to a variable and selectable safe rest position.

Claim 25 (new): A locking device according to claim 14, wherein the drive element is selected from an electric motor, a pneumatic drive, and a hydraulic drive.